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National Shrine Dedicated

Urge States Make Block Reservation

Nixon Terms Shrine Symbol of America

National Convention Chairman Harry Harrison has announced a campaign to urge State delegations to make block reservations through National Headquarters at the Miami Beach Convention.

"This will insure," he said, "that those from the same area who wish to stay together during the entire Convention week will be together."

He pointed out that reservations are coming into National Headquarters so fast it would be advisable for block reservations to be made at once.

Both Comrade Harrison and Harry Cohen, President of the Convention Corporation, predict that the 60th annual JWV Convention will be the largest ever held by JWV.

The added inducement of the unique package plan vacation offering rates similar to the Happy Holiday Tours is sure to lure even the most delinquent Convention goer.

A number of free items designed to make the stay in Miami Beach filled with fun and frolic are part of the package.

These include a golf tournament, a fashion show, a JWV boxing night, a swimming exhibition, a

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Radio List Growing

The American Jewish Hour has caught fire throughout the country.

Communities who have definitely gone on the air are as follows:

Harrisburg, Scranton, Hartford, Milwaukee, Omaha, South Norwalk, Fort Wayne, Atlanta and Valdosta, Ga.

Other communities are considering getting the program on their local radio stations during the summer or the early fall.

It is expected by the end of the fall that the JWV sponsored half hour broadcast will blanket the country, offering the magazine of the air to all communities throughout the nation.

Post Commanders have already received promotion material with a "Blueprint for Action" and given a background of the program, which suggests many ways in which it can be carried through successfully.

The cost of getting the show into a community, under JWV auspices, is minimal, especially since

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Vice President of the United States Richard M. Nixon present a key to the Shrine to PNC Harry T. Madison of Detroit, President of the Board of Trustees of the Shrine, while National Commander Joseph F. Barr looks on.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon, in dedicating the National Shrine for the Jewish War Dead in Washington, D. C., termed the building "Symbolic of the greatness of America."

He pointed out to the thousands of visitors who came from all parts of the country to view the ceremonies that "we are a great nation because we have recognized a fundamental truth; we have differences, but if we have respect for our differences, we can achieve freedom, equality and justice for all."

Mr. Nixon told the gathering "the Shrine will be a reminder of the splendid contribution made to American life by the organization which has been responsible for its erection," as well as a reminder of the "principles that have made America and our people the great nation and the great people we are."

The ceremonies were originally scheduled to be held in front of

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NEC Highlights

The following are the highlights of the National Executive Committee of the Jewish War Veterans meeting in Washington, D. C., May 20-22nd, 1955, in the Dupont Plaza Hotel.

At that time, the N.E.C. voted to:

- Hold the 1956, 61st Annual Convention of the Jewish War Veterans in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- Present a citation to Dr. Jonas Salk for developing the polio vaccine.
- Support the National Commander's efforts to expose the existence of anti-Semitic influences at the time of original suspension of the alleged security risks at Fort Monmouth.
- Adopt a policy urging the United States Government to defend Formosa and the Pescadores Islands, pending further information and recommendations by State Department and the National Administration.
- Defer action on the proposal that the United States take the lead in the U.N. for the establishment of a U.N. Trusteeship over Formosa and the Pescadores.
- Take no official position with regard to the issues of Quemoy and the Matsu Islands (the decision was also made to await further briefing from the National Administration before an official position is announced.)
- Support 250th anniversary celebration of the birth of Benjamin Franklin.
- Request JWV members' support of American Korean Foundation.
- Approved establishment of a committee representing the National organization and the Department of New York to establish a joint fund raising project in the city of New York.
- Approve the policy to continue to protest admission to this country of ex-Nazi's as well as communists; that the decision to hold public demonstrations on these matters remain as heretofore outlined by National Policy (Approval of public demonstrations must be given by the National Commander, by the National Americanism Officer and the Department Commander.)
- Commander Barr and four members of the N.E.C. informed N.E.C. that Post referendum indicates overwhelming sentiment in favor of

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Express Views To Gen. Bradley

The following letter written by National Commander Joseph F. Barr to General Omar M. Bradley, Chairman of the Veterans Commission on Veterans Pensions, outlines in detail JWV's views on the laws and policy regarding pensions, compensations and related non-veteran benefits for veterans and their dependents. Representing a joint endeavor, the views are based upon research and material prepared by JWV service officers under the supervision of Charles Drescher and comments submitted by PNC Maxwell Cohen, National Rehabilitation Officer and Dr. Paul Guten, National Hospitalization Chairman.

By Joseph F. Barr
National Commander

General Omar M. Bradley, Chairman
President's Commission on Veterans' Pensions
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear General Bradley:

In the first place may I thank you, even at this late date, for your kindness in discussing at the home of our mutual friend, Myer Dorfman, Past National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, the matter of the President's letter concerning a comprehensive study of the laws and policies pertaining to pensions, compensation, and related non-medical benefits for our veterans and their dependents.

I drew from our conversation certain views as to your impressions on the matter which have encouraged me in making the following analysis.

As I said to you, there seems to

be a rather general view in the minds of veterans and non-veterans alike, an unfortunate one, that both your committee and the Hoover Committee on Medical Services were created with the specific view that a reduction in veterans' benefits would follow. I know that nothing is further from

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